

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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June 6, 2012

Mr. Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We are writing to support approval of Class A status for WTHC-CD 42 (The Atlanta Channel), which serves as the Official Visitor Information Television Station of the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB). Class A status was originally denied The Atlanta Channel due to a minor clerical omission in the application. The station immediately filed an appeal, and the appeal has been on record since 2000.

We are asking that the appeal be granted and that Class A status be awarded to The Atlanta Channel. There can be no doubt that it embodies the ideal of Class A Low Power Television, broadcasting 100% local programming in High Definition and serving the community without fail for 19 years.

In 1993, The Atlanta Channel came to Atlanta at the behest of local leaders, the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB), the Atlanta Committee on the Olympic Games (ACOG), and the Georgia Hospitality and Travel Association, in preparation for the 1996 Centennial Summer Olympic Games. The Honorable Andrew Young was instrumental in bringing the station to life and endorsed the appointment of The Atlanta Channel as the Official Visitor Information Station for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games and the Olympic Village.

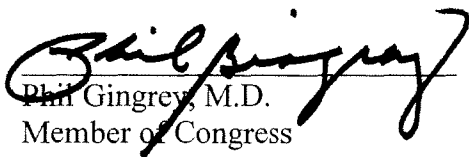
In July 2004, the ACVB announced its partnership with The Atlanta Channel as part of the city-wide crisis communication plan, allowing authorities to reach visitors with critical information in the case of an emergency. In the event of a crisis or major situation affecting visitors, the ACVB will send official notices and advisories to The Atlanta Channel for continuous broadcast to visitors. In December 2010, The Atlanta Channel was formally announced as the Official Visitor Information Station of the ACVB.

As you may, know, Atlanta is the 8th largest designated media area (DMA) in America. The city welcomes over thirty four million visitors every year; 18.4 million of whom stay overnight. Last year, Metro Atlanta registered 18 million hotel/motel room nights, the 7th highest in the U.S. The Atlanta Channel reaches over 32,000 hotel rooms in the Metro area.

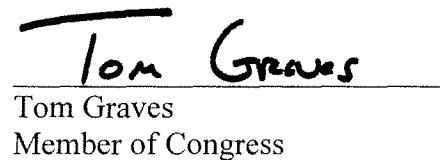
Travel, trade, and tourism are the lifeblood of Atlanta's economy, and essential elements of Georgia's recovering economy. The Atlanta Channel provides the essential communications link necessary to meet both the economic and public safety goals of the ACVB and the City of Atlanta.

We therefore request FCC approval of Class A status to WTHC-CD 42, The Atlanta Channel. This designation is critical to ensure continued communication with visitors, continued support for emergency communication plans, and continued service to the community through its unique expertise and essential broadcasting capabilities.

Sincerely,



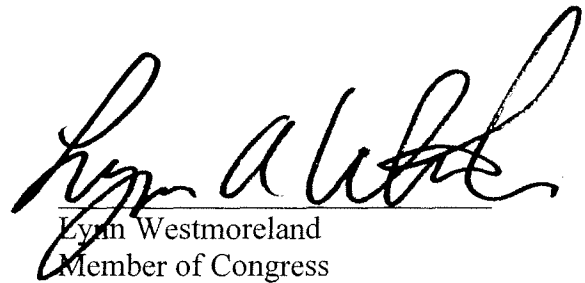
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Member of Congress



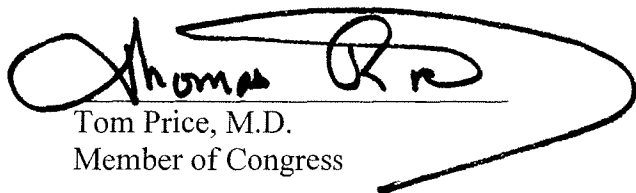
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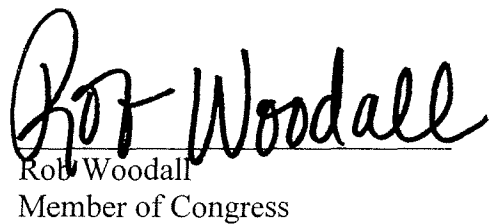
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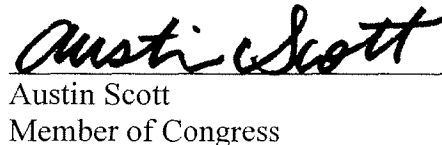
Lynn Westmoreland
Member of Congress



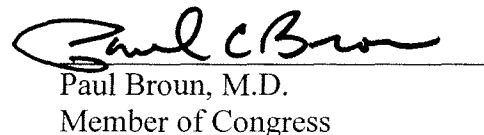
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Austin Scott
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Paul Broun, M.D.
Member of Congress



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

July 26, 2012

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Phil Gingrey
U.S. House of Representatives
442 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gingrey:

Thank you for the opportunity to hear from you directly at the recent FCC oversight hearing on the pending Application for Review filed by the Atlanta Channel regarding its Class A certification. I also appreciate the concerns raised by you and your colleagues in your recent letter on the issue.

As promised, I have directed the Media Bureau to provide its recommendation to the full Commission as soon as it can in order to resolve this matter by the end of this year.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Julius Genachowski



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July 26, 2012

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Paul C. Broun
U.S. House of Representatives
325 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Broun:

Thank you for your recent letter on the pending Application for Review filed by the Atlanta Channel regarding its Class A certification. I appreciate the concerns raised by you and your colleagues.

As promised to Congressman Gingrey during the recent FCC oversight hearing in the Energy and Commerce Communications and Technology Subcommittee, I have directed the Media Bureau to provide its recommendation to the full Commission as soon as it can in order to resolve this matter by this end of the year.

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
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The Honorable Tom Graves
U.S. House of Representatives
1113 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Graves:

Thank you for your recent letter on the pending Application for Review filed by the Atlanta Channel regarding its Class A certification. I appreciate the concerns raised by you and your colleagues.

As promised to Congressman Gingrey during the recent FCC oversight hearing in the Energy and Commerce Communications and Technology Subcommittee, I have directed the Media Bureau to provide its recommendation to the full Commission as soon as it can in order to resolve this matter by this end of the year.

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
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The Honorable Jack Kingston
U.S. House of Representatives
2372 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kingston:

Thank you for your recent letter on the pending Application for Review filed by the Atlanta Channel regarding its Class A certification. I appreciate the concerns raised by you and your colleagues.

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The Honorable Tom Price
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403 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Austin Scott
U.S. House of Representatives
516 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Scott:

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The Honorable Lynn A. Westmoreland
U.S. House of Representatives
2433 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Westmoreland:

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The Honorable Rob Woodall
U.S. House of Representatives
1725 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Woodall:

Thank you for your recent letter on the pending Application for Review filed by the Atlanta Channel regarding its Class A certification. I appreciate the concerns raised by you and your colleagues.

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